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EARLY MORNING AUG 13 EAST GERMAN REGIME INTRODUCED DRASIC  
CONTROL MEASURES WHICH HAVE EFFECT OF PREVENTING ENTRY INTO  
WEST BERLIN OF SOVZONE AND EAST BERLIN RESIDENTS. THREE  
DECREES WERE ISSUED BY REGIME, ACCOMPANIED BY GDR COUNCIL  
OF MINISTERS RESOLUTION BASING DECREES ON DECLARATION  
WARSAW PACT GOVERNMENTS WHICH REQUESTS THAT GDR TAKE SUCH  
ACTION. MISSION OBSERVERS ASCERTAINED EARLY MORNING HOURS  
DC SUN, AUG 13 THAT CONTROL MEASURES WERE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

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EVIDENTLY AS A RESULT OF INCREASED REFUGEE FLOW WITH ATTENDANT  
ECONOMIC LOSS TO GDR AND PRESTIGE LOSS TO SOCIALIST CAMP,  
EAST DECIDED AT RECENT MOLLY CONFERENCE OF WARSAW PACT  
COUNTRIES TO PROCEED WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI WHICH WOULD DRASICALLY  
DISRUPT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN BERLIN AND ERECT  
FRONTIER WITH RESPECT ENTRY INTO WEST BERLIN OF SOVZONE  
AND EAST BERLIN RESIDENTS. IN THIS WAY EAST HAS NOW TAKEN  
SOME OF THE STEPS WHICH IT HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED WOULD FOLLOW  
FROM SEPARATE PEACE TREATY WITH GDR.

SUMMARY OF DECREES CONTAINED NEXT FOLLOWING MESSAGE.

ASSUME DEPT HAS RECEIVED BERLIN "CRITIC CHANNEL" MESSAGES  
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